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SENATE BILL

No. 1200

Introduced by Senator Hancock

February 22, 2012

An act to add Sections 60605.10 and 60605.11 to the Education Code, relating to academic content standards.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1200, as amended, Hancock. Academic content standards: ~~standards review commission~~. *recommended additional standards or modifications: expert group.*

Existing law requires the State Board of Education to adopt statewide content and performance standards in the core curriculum areas of reading, writing, mathematics, history/social science, and science, as specified. Existing law authorizes the state board to modify any proposed content standards or performance standards prior to adoption, and to adopt content and performance standards in individual core curriculum areas as those standards are submitted to the state board.

Existing law, until July 1, 2014, establishes the Academic Content Standards Commission and requires the commission to develop internationally benchmarked academic content standards, at least 85% of which are required to be the common core academic standards developed by the Common Core State Standards Initiative consortium or another specified interstate collaboration. Existing law requires the commission to present its recommended academic content standards to the state board and requires the state board by August 2, 2010, to either adopt the standards proposed by the commission or reject them.

This bill would require the Superintendent of Public Instruction to recommend and the state board to adopt the college and career readiness anchor standards developed by the Common Core State Standards Initiative consortium. The bill would also authorize the state board to take action to resolve any technical issues in the academic content standards it adopted pursuant to the above-described provisions.

~~This bill would authorize the review of the mathematics standards described above by a 11-member standards review commission, appointed as specified and convened for that purpose, if the Superintendent and the state board jointly find that there is a need to revise or modify the standards. The bill would authorize the standards review commission that is convened for these purposes to review and make recommendations to modify only the grade 8 common core standards in mathematics. The bill would require the state board, upon receiving recommendations from this standards review commission, to adopt, reject, or revise the standards as proposed by the commission and to notify the Governor, the Senate Committee on Rules, and the Speaker of the Assembly that it has acted. If the state board rejects the recommendations, the bill would require the state board to provide to the Superintendent, the Governor, and the appropriate policy and fiscal committees of the Legislature a specific written explanation of the reasons why the proposed standards were rejected. If the state board revises the standards, the bill would require it to present its reasons for revising the standards at a public meeting held pursuant to the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act, and to adopt the revised standards at a subsequent meeting no later than June 30, 2013. Superintendent to recommend to the state board by July 30, 2013, and the state board to adopt, reject, or modify by September 30, 2013, additional standards or modifications to the common core academic content standards for English language arts and mathematics. The bill would require the state board to explain, in writing, to the Governor and the Legislature the reasons for approving the additional standards or modifying the standards. The bill would require the Superintendent, in consultation with the state board, to consult a group of experts in English language arts and mathematics for purposes of developing the recommendations. The bill would require the Superintendent and the state board to hold a minimum of 2 public hearings in order for the public to provide input on the Superintendent's recommendations.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 60605.10 is added to the Education Code, to read:

60605.10. For purposes of meeting federal requirements and applying for federal grants, the Superintendent shall recommend and the state board shall adopt the college and career readiness anchor standards developed by the Common Core State Standards Initiative consortium. The state board may also take action to resolve any technical issues in the standards adopted pursuant to Section 60605.8.

SEC. 2. Section 60605.11 is added to the Education Code, to read:

~~60605.11. (a) If the Superintendent and the state board jointly find that there is a need to revise or modify the mathematics academic content standards adopted pursuant to Section 60605.8, the review shall be conducted by a standards review commission convened for that purpose and in accordance with this section.~~

~~(b) (1) After making a finding pursuant to subdivision (a), the Superintendent and the state board shall notify the Governor, the Senate Committee on Rules, and the Speaker of the Assembly of the need for modifications, the reasons for the needed modifications, and the reasons for the need to appoint members to a standards review commission. Consequently, a standards review commission consisting of 11 members shall be appointed as follows:~~

~~(A) The Governor shall appoint four members.~~

~~(B) The Senate Committee on Rules shall appoint three members.~~

~~(C) The Speaker of the Assembly shall appoint three members.~~

~~(D) The Superintendent shall appoint one member.~~

~~(2) Not less than one-half of the members appointed by each of the appointing authorities pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be current public school elementary or secondary classroom teachers.~~

~~(3) In making appointments to the commission, the appointing authorities shall consult with each other to ensure that the commission includes all of the following:~~

~~(A) Individuals with expertise in the subject area under review.~~

~~(B) Individuals from different geographical areas of the state.~~

~~(C) Individuals who reflect the ethnic and gender diversity of California.~~

~~(D) Individuals who are knowledgeable about English learners and pupils with disabilities.~~

~~(4) Members of the commission shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority.~~

~~(5) Pursuant to the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act (Article 9 (commencing with Section 11120) of Chapter 1 of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code), all meetings and hearings of the commission shall be open and available to the public.~~

~~(e) (1) If a standards review commission is convened, the commission may only review and make recommendations to modify the grade 8 common core standards in mathematics.~~

~~(2) The recommendations of the standards review commission made pursuant to paragraph (1) and modifications approved by the state board with regard to those recommendations shall ensure all of the following:~~

~~(A) The rigor of the state common core standards is maintained so that all high school graduates are prepared for college and careers, as specified in the common core standards.~~

~~(B) All of the state common core standards developed by the consortium or the interstate collaboration set forth in Section 60605.7 are adopted.~~

~~(C) Modifications, including additions and revisions, amount to no more than 15 percent of the state common core standards adopted by the state board.~~

~~(d) Upon receiving recommendations from a standards review commission, the state board shall do one of the following:~~

~~(1) Adopt the standards as proposed by the commission.~~

~~(2) Reject the standards as proposed by the commission. If the state board rejects the standards, it shall provide to the Superintendent, the Governor, and the appropriate policy and fiscal committees of the Legislature a specific written explanation of the reasons why the proposed standards were rejected.~~

~~(3) Revise the standards as proposed by the commission. If the state board revises the standards, it shall, in a public meeting held pursuant to the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act (Article 9 (commencing with Section 11120) of Chapter 1 of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code), provide written~~

1 reasons for its revisions. The state board shall not adopt the revised
2 standards at the same meeting at which it provides the written
3 reasons for revising the standards, but shall instead adopt these
4 revisions at a subsequent meeting no later than June 30, 2013.

5 (e) ~~The Superintendent and the state board shall notify the~~
6 ~~Governor, the Senate Committee on Rules, and the Speaker of the~~
7 ~~Assembly after the state board takes action pursuant to subdivision~~
8 ~~(d) on recommendations submitted by a standards review~~
9 ~~commission pursuant to this section.~~

10 60605.11. (a) *The Superintendent may recommend to the state*
11 *board, and the state board may approve, additional standards or*
12 *modifications, or both, to the common core academic content*
13 *standards adopted by the state board pursuant to Section 60605.8.*
14 *If the state board approves additional standards or modifies the*
15 *common core academic content standards, it shall explain, in*
16 *writing, to the Governor and the Legislature the reasons for*
17 *approving the additional standards or modifying the standards.*
18 *The Superintendent's recommendations and the state board's*
19 *actions shall assist schools in the implementation of the standards.*

20 (1) *In consultation with the state board, the Superintendent shall*
21 *consult a group of experts in English language arts and*
22 *mathematics for purposes of developing recommendations pursuant*
23 *to this section. The Superintendent shall ensure that the group of*
24 *experts includes, but is not limited to, individuals who are teachers*
25 *of mathematics and English language arts in elementary and*
26 *secondary schools, schoolsite principals, administrators of school*
27 *districts or county offices of education, and university professors.*

28 (2) *The Superintendent and the state board shall hold a minimum*
29 *of two public hearings pursuant to the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting*
30 *Act (Article 9 (commencing with Section 11120) of Chapter 1 of*
31 *Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code) in order*
32 *for the public to provide input on the additional standards or*
33 *modifications recommended pursuant to this section.*

34 (3) *On or before July 30, 2013, the Superintendent shall present*
35 *the recommended additional standards or modifications to the*
36 *state board.*

37 (4) *On or before September 30, 2013, the state board shall*
38 *adopt, reject, or modify the recommendations presented by the*
39 *Superintendent.*

1 **(b)** *The additional standards or modifications to the common*
2 *core academic content standards that the Superintendent*
3 *recommends to the state board and that the state board approves*
4 *shall ensure all of the following:*

5 **(1)** *The rigor of the state common core academic content*
6 *standards is maintained so that all high school graduates are*
7 *prepared for college and careers, as specified in the common core*
8 *academic content standards.*

9 **(2)** *All of the common core academic standards developed by*
10 *the consortium or interstate collaboration set forth in Section*
11 *60605.7 are adopted.*

12 **(3)** *Modifications, including additions and revisions, amount*
13 *to no more than 15 percent of the common core academic content*
14 *standards adopted by the state board and improve the*
15 *implementation of standards and reduce the costs of*
16 *implementation.*